

We are gratified today inexpressibly so to learn that Mr Clay is on the mend- Many curses *are* in store for us but I do not believe we are yet to be crushed with such a calamity as his loss. If harm came to that mighty heart through the villiany practiced towards it by those in whom it placed its trust God help & save them - man could not.

There is nothing to change the account currant of balances - 163 to 127 on the vote of the Empire just the majority. It has been a strange fight. The enthusiasm - Duty, fear & hatred have been the elements electing Genl. Taylor. God spare us hereafter from such imminent peril as but now we stood in danger of. Ohio & Ina [Indiana?] & Wisconsin belonged to us in a fair field fight & *the votes* (there) would have been *ours*. 39 votes. Then the act would stand 202 to 98. Genl. Taylor *as* Genl. Taylor has nothing to plume himself upon. As the Whig Candidate the people have taken him on trust & to them the most objectionable candidate who could have been named, but as between him & Cass they had no option. Preference & all that rendi[r] dignity to the Elective Franchise were out of the issues. It was literally Aversion [?] or the Devil. Hope clung to the faith that Aversion [?] might change & be cured while they knew the Prince of Evil could never change save to grow worse.

If Genl. T. is modest - if you & others who are capable of directing his affairs *think* for him & act for him - no evil but good will come of the downfall of that Black & baleful Loco—Infernoism against whose crest the weapon of every true thinking man was bent to the death If this new power be but a personal party & Bell & Crittenden & those who hatched the plot will halt at nothing, in proclaiming 'the King can do no wrong' & back Genl. T. through all things then be sure before two years Loco Focosim will remantle its fortresses & at the end of four ride in more intolerant & tyrannical than ever.

We hope here that Taylor is a *clean* Whig & means to abide by & with the *real Democratic Whig* Party. If he does the throb of happiness will circle with the sun. Then power is an assured possession of the Whig Party and their continuance in charge of the Govt. as certain as anything on earth can be.

Mr. Clay's leading friends here will not trouble the New Administration as expectants. They expect & mean to give their ardent, honest & thorough support to the Govt. if it be